

Unveil Tablets to Benefactors of Art Museum

President de Forest at Anniversary Celebration Bemoans City's Lack of Support.

One of the most important incidents in the programme of the fifth anniversary celebration of the Metropolitan Museum of Art took place yesterday in the lecture hall, where a large audience consisting of trustees, members and guests, who included presidents and directors of other museums of art, listened to commemorative addresses by Mr. Robert W. de Forest, president of the museum; Dr. John H. Finley, president of the University of the State of New York; Mr. Francis D. Gallatin, Commissioner of Parks; Mr. Morris Gray, president of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and Mr. Charles L. Hutchinson, president of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Following the addresses the audience went to the main hall, where Mr. Elihu Root, first vice-president, unveiled two marble tablets on which have been carved the names of the founders and benefactors of the museum. The tablets have been erected at the right and left of the main staircase.

The address of Mr. de Forest was an historical retrospect with a closing forecast in which he said he saw but one sign of progress. "I can and will our city continue to perform its part in our partnership relation," he asked. "Our new swing, begun by the city six years ago, has never been completed. Work has been at a standstill since 1917. There is no city appropriation to continue it."

Mr. de Forest then referred to the fact that the city's appropriation had fallen from 68 per cent of the cost of maintenance in 1909 to 25 per cent last year. Last year the administrative expenses amounted to \$617,214, to which the city contributed \$175,000. There remained a deficit of \$442,214. This year, he said, the city's appropriation had been increased to \$300,000.

Today, Mr. de Forest said, the museum possesses funds exceeding more than \$1,000,000 and collections "which already rival in extent and surpass in installation those of the great museums of Europe." Being popular in origin, he said, the museum was coming more and more to be a part of the community life of the city and in a vital factor in educational life. Dr. Finley had previously said that the museum was fulfilling its destiny in living up to the philosophy of Aristotle that "the right use of leisure is the chief end of education."

Mr. Hutchinson referred to the great growth of museums in Western cities, where, he said, thirty had been started in the last twenty-five years, while seven were opened in the Eastern States. "From cemeteries of bric-a-brac, our modern American museums have become vital factors in our everyday life," he said.

In unveiling the tablets Mr. Root observed that through the foresight of the founders and benefactors "the laborer had found something to do with his higher wages and leisure time. He also found that the museum was that of the late John Taylor Johnston, while the last two names are those of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. de Forest.

Many of those who participated in the exercises of the afternoon attended a dinner in the University Club last night. The guests included presidents or directors of museums in fifteen of the larger cities of the country.

Social Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Henshaw Metcalfe of New York and Bay Head, N. J., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Reta Charlotte Metcalfe, to Mr. Marc Andrew Schoenfeld of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Rita Lydig's Library Is Sold for \$19,330.25

Fine Copy of First Edition of Cicero Brings \$2,300 at Auction.

Mrs. Rita Lydig's library was sold yesterday at the Anderson Galleries and some spirited bidding was brought out by the dispersal of the rare editions and fine bindings. The total realized at the afternoon session was \$9,014.75 and in the evening \$10,315.50, making the total for the library \$19,330.25.

The chief feature of the collection was a fine copy of the first edition of Cicero, printed on vellum and in the binding made for King Louis XIV. It had belonged in the famous Hoe collection. Yesterday it sold to Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach for \$2,300.

The rare second folio of Shakespeare, one of the chief treasures of the library, No. 334, sold to James P. Drake for \$1,700. Mr. Drake also obtained No. 365, a first issue of Thackeray's "Vanity Fair" in the original Paris, for \$820, and No. 72, the Talboys edition of the works of De Foe, for \$250. A. Walker gave \$285 for No. 71, Cruskank's "Life of Napoleon Bonaparte"; \$200 for No. 265, Alfred de Musset's works; and \$200 for No. 317, "Memoirs of St. Simon."

L. C. Harper paid \$230 for No. 84, a set of Diderot's works; G. Welles gave \$230 for No. 345, Swinburne's "Tragedies"; \$200 for No. 364, a set of Thackeray's works; \$150 for No. 410, Voltaire's "Œuvres"; and \$150 for No. 461, Voltaire's "Œuvres." Mr. Drake paid \$425 for No. 442, a set of Tudor translations of the classics.

\$105,084 for Spanish Art.
At the sixth day's sale in Clarke's galleries yesterday of the collection of Pedro Ruiz and Son's ancient Italian art, Mrs. E. Nadelman paid \$1,650 for No. 1181, two carved walnut doors, late sixteenth century, which was the highest price of the auction. W. R. Hearst bought No. 1185, forty-two carved wood brackets of boards, late sixteenth century, for \$1,300; No. 1182, two carved walnut doors, for \$500, and No. 1184, two large wood doors carved on both sides, late sixteenth century, for \$650. Mrs. J. A. Ferguson paid \$180 for No. 1216, carved walnut table, late sixteenth century; Mrs. E. F. Dwight, \$250 for No. 1137, large carved wood paneau, representing Christ and child, and Woodward agent bought No. 1136, large carved wood paneau, representing marriage of St. Mary and St. Joseph, for \$200. The total for the day was \$18,637, and to date \$102,034.

RESORT NOTES.
White Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. John F. Harris arrived yesterday from New York and joined Mr. Harris at the Greenbrier.

Gov. R. Livingston Beckman and Mrs. Beckman and Mr. H. J. Perce, Jr., of Providence, R. I., had luncheon at the Casino yesterday.

Mrs. Robert M. Thompson has arrived from Washington. Mr. Homer A. Wessel, Jr., from Cincinnati, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Seeley Whitaker and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson H. Talbot from Dayton, Ohio.

Hot Springs.
Mrs. N. Wycoff Vanderhoef, Mrs. Winthrop Burr and Mrs. Herbert T. R. Jacquelin arrived yesterday from New York.

Mr. Francis G. Landon of New York has joined Mr. Landon and Miss Eleanor Landon at the Homestead Hotel.

Miss Ruth Harrison of Cincinnati is entertaining guests at her cottage.

Mrs. Henry Seligman, Mr. George A. Ellis, Mr. Stephen Leonard, Mr. Alfred E. Curtis and Mrs. Robert A. Black went by automobile yesterday to White Sulphur Springs for luncheon.

Mrs. William Savin-Wing, Miss Elizabeth St. J. Whiting and Capt. and Mrs. Carlton R. Richmond of Boston arrived yesterday at the Homestead Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., drove to Healing Springs and the Cascades.

Miss Everett of Junior League to Become Bride

Talented Amateur Actress Engaged to Mr. Paul Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Leo Everett of 130 East Sixty-seventh street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elise Everett, one of the popular and talented members of the Junior League, to Mr. Paul Abbott of New York.

Miss Everett was introduced to society last winter by her parents at a large dance. Her ability as an amateur actress brought her prominence in several performances for charity, notably that of "What Next?" a musical comedy which had a week's run in the Princess Theatre and in which she played the leading feminine part.

Mr. Abbott is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Abbott of 115 East Seventy-ninth street. He left Yale to enter the French army, in which he served in the artillery corps.

Erskine-Birks.
Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. MONTREAL, Que., May 18.—In the American Presbyterian Church this afternoon Miss Miriam Birks Erskine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Erskine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesley Erskine of New York and grandson of the late Louis C. Gillespie of New York and Morristown, N. J.

Miss Birks was attended by her sister, Miss Harriet Birks, and the Misses Dainty, Notman Kathleen Daring of Montreal and Miss Helen Erskine, sister of the bride, who is a graduate of the University of New York.

The ushers were Messrs. Noble Gerard Birks, brother of Miss Birks; Denham Cherry and Benjamin Cory.

Mr. Erskine left Princeton in 1917 to enlist in the navy. He developed pneumonia at Newport and was discharged. On recovering he reenlisted in the army and served as instructor in machine gunnery.

Forster-Voelcker.
Miss Greta Voelcker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Voelcker, was married to Mr. Herbert Forster of Yonkers at the Hotel Astor last night. The ceremony was performed by Judge Young. The bride's attendants were Miss Sara Tolar and Miss Grace Schaffer. Mr. William Forster, Jr., brother of the bridegroom, was his best man. The ushers were Mr. Morris Walsh and Mr. Emil Voelcker.

Mr. Forster is a graduate of the University of New York and is now in the employ of the National Chamber of Commerce.

The Minister of Poland and Princess Lubimirska gave a dinner at the legation last night.

Mr. John Barrett, Director-General of the Pan American Union, has returned from Chicago, Denver and other Western cities.

The Italian Embassy staff has been increased by the arrival of Signor Bernardo Altolice with the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary and the title of Commissioner General on Special Mission. He will have a residence and offices in New York.

Mrs. James Dudley Morgan will go abroad this summer to visit her son-in-law and daughter, Major and Mrs. Maurice Pittmaurice Day, in Ireland.

Thomson-Smith.
Miss Constance Eugenia Smith, a daughter of the late Samuel Webb Smith and Mrs. Smith of Louisiana, was married to Mr. Daniel Duke Thomson of Louisville, Ky., yesterday in the apartment of her mother at the Vanderbilt Hotel. The Rev. Alsworth Green of the Brick Presbyterian Church officiated. Miss Sarah Smith was the only attendant for her sister. The best man was Mr. Robert Thomson, brother of the bridegroom. A luncheon followed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson went to Atlantic City. They will live in Louisville.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Briggs Morgan of this city have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ida E. Morgan, to Dr. John C. Vandervoort of Paterson, N. J.

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Washington.
Mr. F. Farquy, Japanese Consul-General at Ottawa, Ont., has been appointed counselor of the Japanese Embassy to succeed Counselor Debusch, recently appointed Charge of Japan at Berlin.

Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Henry H. Rogers will give a dinner and dance at their Washington residence on June 3.

Mrs. Edwin T. Meredith, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture, was entertained at luncheon by Mrs. Frederick Shepherd, wife of the financial manager of the National Chamber of Commerce.

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Troop of Dolls in Novel Revival of Shakespeare

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Local theatregoers have so far been distant to the art of the marionette in spite of various efforts to awaken interest in these actors of rage and wire. Tony Sarg and his artistic dolls have come more closely than any other of the mannikins to gaining a following largely composed of the young people who come to the theatre for the novel and the dramatic nature of the art. The little players of Mulberry street almost attained a permanent existence in the theatre when a breakdown brought on by the theatre manager and went into art. But there the marionettes were indigenous. The tale of Rinaldo as Tasso told it and the manipulators of the eloquent puppets chiefly of the hero's adventures fell on native soil.

There never had been before such an ambitious attempt until at the Little Theatre yesterday afternoon Miss Ellen Van Valkenburg presented her own particular troupe of marionettes. Miss Van Valkenburg when she acts plays *Medea*. Her dolls, when she pulls the strings do not therefore act of necessity, Euripides. But they did not descend below Shakespeare. They played "A Midsummer Night's Dream." They are of model origin in so much as they are modelled on the style that prevails there, but if not cerebral they are at least emotional. The audience appeared interested in this springtime revival of Shakespeare in such novel fashion.

MISS LE GALLIENNE, POETESS, MARRIED.

Mr. Richard Le Gallienne's Daughter a Bride.

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ONCE NOTED IN SPORTS

Worked Hard for Soldiers in Y. M. C. A. Branch Which He Established.

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